Alternative sources for power generation

†2251. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme to develop alternate sources of power to deal with the severe crisis of power in several States including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme for villages of India to generate power through bio-gas and solar energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing various programmes for generation of power from non-conventional energy sources like solar, wind, biomass and small hydro throughout the country, including Madhya Pradesh. A total capacity additional for power generation of about 3700 MW has been made through these sources as on 31-12-2002 in the country, including 69 MW in Madhya Pradesh. A target for capacity addition for power generation of 3075 MW from various non-conventional energy sources has been fixed for the Tenth Plan period. A village electrification programme for the electrification of 5,000 remote villages through solar, biomass and small hydro power has been formulated for the Tenth Plan period.

Funds allotted to the States for promoting non-conventional energy sources

2252. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) the State-wise and Plan-wise funds provided to the States including Uttar Pradesh for promoting non-conventional energy sources during the last three years;

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